

## Bible College .....

The next few weeks are very busy ones for everyone at the College and we covet your prayers that in all the activity we may know the Lord's protection and enabling and that there will be spiritual fruit in the lives of all involved.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year students have a Team Placement week starting on Saturday 11 February, when they will be working alongside Daniel and Grace Howson in their outreach work on the Earlsfield Estate in **Grantham**. During that same week, the 1<sup>st</sup> year students, along with a number of FM workers and others will have a special Introduction to Christian Counselling course run by Sandy and Gwen Purdie. Also that week, on Tuesday 14 we have a one day seminar for our online and part-time students. Saturday 25 February is our Open Day when we welcome to the College a number of people who are considering applying to study with us from the autumn. Please pray that God would clearly lead and guide. On March 13, in partnership with Edinburgh City Mission and the Creation Group, we are hosting an evangelistic outreach event.

*John Brand*

## Bookshops .....

Amidst all the challenges in retail generally, we are grateful to the Lord for the level of sales in the different shops and deeply appreciate all who seek to support us in this important area of ministry. Please pray for Norman Liddle and John Matthews who head up this work in Scotland and Ireland respectively; also all who staff the different shops. Give thanks for meaningful opportunities to engage people in conversation about the gospel and pray for sensitivity when these arise.

### **BANGOR Co Down EASTER CONVENTION**

Friday 6–Tuesday 10 April 2012

Speakers Expected:

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### **Edinburgh Convention 2012**

Tuesday 3 - Sunday 8 July

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# Prayer Focus

February-March 2012

Dear *Praying Friends*

As we embrace the challenges of Gospel ministry we are more aware than ever of the desperate need of the people of our land. We are also increasingly aware of the greatness of our need to know the Lord's empowering and provision for this great ministry. We thank God for His undertaking and daily provision.

We continue to value prayer for direction as The Faith Mission Council give consideration to future District Leadership appointments. We await fuller information regarding the NHS care provisions available to William and Carolyn Harrison for their son Kyle should they, as proposed, move to Northern Ireland to take responsibility of the Irish Border District. If a sufficient level of care is not available it may be necessary for us to revisit this decision. We value prayer that the situation will be resolved within the next week or two. Meanwhile we feel it unwise to give further consideration to future leadership of the Anglo Scottish Border District. Please remember William, Carolyn, Emma and Kyle during this period of uncertainty.

May I again extend to you our thanks for your fellowship and support in prayer.

Yours in Christ's service

*John Townend* General Director

## Scotland .....

**HIGHLAND DISTRICT: Fort William**, Justin and Carol Cummings: 'We have had good opportunities at school assemblies recently with some children asking deep questions. SU continues at the High School each week but please pray about the numbers as many of our regulars seemed to be pulled in other directions. Our monthly rally is on 25 February with Stanley Ross, Mallaig, speaking and Justin takes the Sunday night meeting in the Hall. We have our PU lunch on 1 March, youth meeting 4 March, a family service at **Fort William** Baptist Church 11 March and **Kinlochleven** Church of Scotland that evening. During this time we will have **Spean Bridge** Bible Club each Monday with a great group of young kids. Justin will have Road to Recovery three times during this period and will be involved in the youth weekend and Argyll rallies.'

Richard Allen and I had some meaningful conversations during door to door visiting in the **Seaboard** villages. Remember the young people at our Youth Weekend 10–13 February and Joe Barnard the speaker. I share about our work at a Missionary day at **Inverness** Baptist Church on 26 February and preach there in the evening. Argyll Rallies, 7–9 March, in **Lochgilphed**, **Campbeltown** and **Oban** which I hope to speak at and William Mackenzie of Christian Focus speaks at rallies in **Inverness**, **Gairloch** and **Hopeman** 16–18 March. Continue to pray for the team coming from the Bible College 21 April–20 May and for the planning of a Tent Mission during that time.

*Donnie Macleod*

**EAST DISTRICT:** John and Liz Macdonald: 'Through local events we have had contact with a number of unsaved and have had the opportunity to share the gospel with them. Continue to pray for our regular meetings in **Peterhead Prison** and **Alllandale House**. During the next month we have services in **Skene Murray, Fraserburgh, Peterhead** and **Portknockie**. Our next gospel outreach meeting in **Cairnbulg** is on 26 February. Ladies meetings in **Fraserburgh** Salvation Army, **Peterhead** Baptist Church and Old Parish Church **Peterhead**. We are with Noel McClintock for a Fanny Crosby event in **Aberdeen** on Thursday March 1. This month we look forward to visiting in **Buckie** and **Macduff** area.'

**Kirkcaldy** area: Kathy Wood has been very conscious of the Lord's blessing in recent meetings. Much of Kathy's work is on a one to one basis and asks prayer that the course she will attend at FMBC 13-17 February, Introduction to Christian Counselling, will be of real benefit to her in this respect. Kathy speaks at **Methven House** on Monday 27 February where she is finding very real gospel opportunities.

We give thanks to the Lord for a good series of New Year rallies with increased attendance and an appreciation for the Word. I look forward to being in **Shetland** 2-13 March. Along with visitation this will include a week of Bible Teaching in **Garthspool** Evangelical Church on The letters to the seven churches in Revelation. Viktor Mezger will also join me for part of that time when he will be responsible for a series of Youth Meetings which will be held in the **Havley Café**. We have several other services through the islands. We have 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rallies in March: Thursday 15 **Buckie**, Friday 16 **Macduff**.

*Noel McClintock*

**SOUTH DISTRICT:** June and I thank God for the spirit of prayer at the Prayer Unions and for His help in preaching recently. Pastor Andy Prime is the speaker at the **Edinburgh** Rally on Saturday 3 March. Please note that my email address which is [s.scottish@faithmission.org](mailto:s.scottish@faithmission.org) is now operating properly again.

*Danny Chambers*

**ANGLO SCOTTISH BORDER DISTRICT:** The District programme is now underway with Prayer Union meetings, visitation and weekend preaching engagements which includes Sunday 12 February Bethany Hall (**Dumfries**) and 26 **New Cumnock** Evangelical Church. We look forward to the Rev Donovan Lurie joining us to speak at the Bible Rallies in February: **Longhorsley** Thursday 9 @ 7.30pm (The Mission); **Kirkby Stephen** Friday 10 @ 7.30pm (Baptist Church); **Carlisle** Saturday 11 @ 7.30pm (St Peter's Kingmoor). We plan to run our Youth Weekend here at the Centre in **Newton Stewart** 2-4 March and ask that you pray for and encourage young people, 12+ years, to attend. For more information: 01671 403632 [anglo.scot@faithmission.org](mailto:anglo.scot@faithmission.org)

*William Harrison*

**BORDER DISTRICT: Co Cavan and Monaghan:** Ronnie and Carey Killops continue with their children's clubs and regular meetings. Ronnie is also encouraged with visiting the Prayer Unions in **Monaghan** and **Cavan**. Carey recommences school assemblies in **Rockcorry, Clontibret** and **Billis**.

Jenny Kilpatrick and Ruth Lavery are pleased with the increased numbers attending the "Kids Clubs" in **Portadown**. Recent rallies in the District have also been encouraging. Some necessary remedial work has been undertaken at the **Portadown** Centre, this is progressing well and groups are now using the Centre again most weekends. Continue to pray for William and Carolyn Harrison as they liaise with the Social Services regarding a possible care package for Kyle.

**Rallies:** February: **Acton** Monday 6 Speaker: Rev Jim Lyons; **Druminan** Thursday 16 Speaker: Jordan Litchfield. March: **Derrycrew** Tuesday 6 Speaker: Rev Caldwell Darragh; **Lisdown** Thursday 8 Speaker: Trevor Matthews; **Lissarley** Tuesday 13 Speaker: Ronnie Killops.

*Trevor Matthews*

**SOUTH DISTRICT:** We thank the Lord that everything went smoothly for the move of Johnathan and Janet Slater and their family from York to **Bandon**, Co Cork. They value prayer as they get to know people and the area, as well as catching up on practical work at the Centre and getting to grips with the day to day running of it. They are looking to the Lord for direction in which areas of outreach to pursue. Local folks have been giving good support, and the family are settling in well.

Mervyn and Rachel Tomb report that their clubs continue to encourage, with numbers having increased to around fifteen at **Abbeyleix**. They are now making final preparations for the Youth Weekend, 17-19 February in **Athy** with Paul Davis as the speaker. **Abbeyleix** monthly meeting: Sunday 12 February with James Bennett as speaker.

**Midlands Centre:** External plastering of the dining hall is complete and internal plastering of the dining room and lounge is underway. We now have electricity at the chalets, with the heating system presently being completed. There are numerous tidying and landscaping works to be done, as well as joinery works. Volunteers are welcomed. **Opening & Dedication service** is planned for Saturday 16 June.

We look forward to the Prayer & Fellowship Weekend 24-26 February in **Naas**, when the Rev Mervyn Carter is the guest speaker. Day visitors are welcome but meals must be booked in advance. Please contact us on 05786 25288 to book for the whole weekend or for the day. The first **Athy** ladies' CAMEO went very well, with eighteen attending. The next one is Wednesday 15 February and 'Time Out' (**Mountrath**) is on Tuesday 28 February.

#### **Future Events**

**Curteen** Rally Thursday 16 February Speaker: Pastor Erich Fischer

**Mountrath** Rally 26 February Speaker: Rev Mervyn Carter

**Churchcross** Rally Friday 9 March Speaker: David Bennett

*David Bennett*

**NORTH DISTRICT:** We were thrilled to have 200 people in the hall for “The Anchor” in January and are really looking forward to “**The Anchor**” mission 27 February–4 March. The young people will be fully involved in the meetings: leading, singing, testifying, preaching etc. Some are nervous but it’s brilliant to see them willing to trust God for the help they need. Events include a Coffee Morning Wednesday 29 February and a Men’s Breakfast Saturday 3 March. As we prayerfully consider developing the outreach in the **Glens of Antrim** we have five schools and four areas in mind for children’s clubs in the summer. Plans for this are ongoing. We have opportunities to share in local church services about this outreach.

**FUTURE EVENTS** February: **Laymore** coffee morning Wednesday 8; “**The Anchor**” Saturday 11 with the Rev Roger Higginson; **Tullygarley** Rally Tuesday 14; **Kylestown** Rally Thursday 16. March: **Dromore** Rally Tuesday 13 **Craigs** Rally Tuesday 20. April: “**JUST 4 LADIES**” **Friday 20** with Janice Logan.

*Leslie Brush*

**NORTH WEST DISTRICT:** The ministry at our new year rallies brought encouragement and blessing. I value prayer as I prepare for several bookings of my Titanic presentation over the next few months. Alison is preparing the Junior Section in the Boys Brigade for their Bible Quiz on 11 March. Pray for a little girl we contacted in a Five Day Club last summer, where numbers were small, she now attends Bible club in school each week. Future Events: Saturday 25 February: Fellowship meal (**Faughan** Vale Presbyterian Church). Saturday 3 March: Ladies coffee morning (**Ballykelly**) speaker: Mrs Roberta Monteith.

*Garry Talty*

**WEST DISTRICT:** Jenny Kilpatrick is really knowing encouragement as she reaches out to many children each week in the schools and clubs in which she is involved. The lunchtime club in **Caledon** school has commenced well. Jenny is pleased to be able to have training in the Bible Explorer New Testament lessons this month which will enable her to return to the same schools to complete the series of lessons.

**West Fermanagh:** The Harry Ferguson Theme night in **Garrison** was very worthwhile with a number attending who did not at the summer mission there in 2011. Numbers were small which allowed us to speak freely with everyone. When Cherith Anderson and Heather Wilson return from Bible College, they commence the Bible Explorer RE lessons in **Florencecourt** Primary School on 7 February. We trust this will be the first of many such openings in the area. They also will have input into the children’s meeting in **Tabbagh** Mission Hall. Recently, they felt burdened for the **Boho** area, but this is slow to open. Pray for guidance and patience regarding outreach there. This quarter, they will be visiting local Prayer Unions and church mid-week services.

We have had some good outreach opportunities recently, especially around church services with many needy folk hearing the gospel. As a team, we look forward to our annual outreach in Corick House, **Clogher**, 2-4 March

**Rallies**, February: **Ballynakelly** Friday 10 Speaker: Jonathan Burke; **Aughnacloy** Saturday 11 Speaker: Rev Jim Lyons; **Ballinamallard**, Saturday 25 Speaker: Rev C Darragh. March, **Trillick**, Saturday 10 Speaker: Violet McCullough

*George Conn*

## Wales .....

Please pray for Elizabeth in the regular children's club in **Newtown** Evangelical Church and for the outreach in which we are both involved through a Care and Share group. Also for the on-going visitation programme, the book ministry, Sunday services and mid-week meetings.

*Paul Crowe*

## England .....

**NORTH DISTRICT:** James and Lynda Bovenizer, Preston: ‘Lynda continues with the weekly RE lessons at **Lea Endowed** C of E School near Preston. Our weekly programme consists of school assemblies in the mornings and RE Bible Explorer OT & NT lessons in the afternoons. This term we will teach the RE Bible Explorer 5 week programme in nine schools. We also have midweek meetings and Sunday services each week.’

Mark and Sheena Nelson from **Durham:** ‘Please pray for Mark as he regularly preaches in local churches. The kids clubs at **Rowley** and **Esh Winning** are going well. **Frankland** prison has been encouraging. We have ‘Castlesiders’ Family event in **Castleside** on Friday 2 March. Sheena attends two toddler groups weekly; please pray for opportunities to share her faith there.’

We have the annual **Chipping** Rally on Saturday 25 February in Chipping Congregational Church at 7:30 pm. Pastor Reg Crozier is the speaker at **Leyburn** Mission Hall on Sunday 4 March at 3:00pm.

*Alistair Patterson*

**CENTRAL DISTRICT:** David and Donna Ohin report: ‘It was thrilling to hear one lady on the Christianity Explored course in **Milford** pray and give her life to the Lord in front of the other participants. Please pray for her spiritual growth, and also for the lady she has brought along who originally confessed to being an atheist. It has been so good to have a really good talk with the girls at the Treasure Seekers club in **Turnditch**. One of them told us how she had asked her Dad to go to Sunday school but his reply was ‘What’s the point if there is no one up there who listens;’ very sad, so please pray with us that the interest of these girls is not squashed. We long for them to truly grasp for life what answers we have found in our studies in Genesis 1-3. We only have eleven sessions left with them before we move and we pray for wisdom how we are to maximise the time on these fundamental topics. Please pray for a woman David met at the last Open-air. She gave her life to God in 1986 but seems to have suffered deep disappointments since. She was greatly encouraged by the conversation and her faith was rekindled. We take another two assemblies in **Hasland** Primary School to assist the work of the Baptist Church there.

Grace and I are really looking forward to Tim Currie, Faith Mission Ministry Apprentice, joining us on 4 February for ten weeks. Also second year students Andrew and Grace Morton, Stephen Houghton, David Nixon and Chris Klompas team up to help with a week of outreach (10-17 February) on the **Earlesfield Estate, Grantham**. We are putting together an exciting programme for the children with a holiday club and also a meal for the contacts and friends we have made over the past two

years. Helping to redecorate the Community centre on the estate has given us good acceptance with a number of key people and we intend to use this facility for the outreach. A good number of young people and children are booked for our two youth weekends 2-4 and 9-11 March. Many other commitments including 'connected' youth meeting in our home every Friday evening, preaching most Sundays, hosting a weekend for the team leaders from the USA who are bringing outreach teams later in the year and continuing outreach in Grantham adds up to a very busy month.

*Daniel Howson*

**SOUTH WEST DISTRICT:** David Lewis writes 'Thank you for your prayers for better health, we are both a lot stronger, but still not fully fit. Please pray for the door to open for access into twelve schools in the **Torrington** area. I am awaiting a reply about this. Please pray for the opportunity to put an article, entitled "A bit of Good News" in our local "Parish Pump" on a monthly basis. There was no space this month, but I have been promised space in the future. Please continue to pray for SMILE Club at **Whitstone** and for our film night on Friday 24 February. There were twelve un-churched, out of about fifty in total, at the previous one.'

The Bible and Fellowship Weekend in Paignton was a time of rich blessing. It was very encouraging to have some people from the District attend for the first time this year; also to have a number of local Christians from Paignton join us on Friday and Saturday. We ask prayer for two members of the hotel staff who sat in the foyer listening to the message each evening. They were very open to spiritual things and asked many deep and searching questions. I have the opportunity to represent The Faith Mission at **Keswick in Devon** Missionary Exhibition, 5-9 March. This is a wonderful opportunity to present the work of the Mission to those who may not be familiar with it. Do pray that I will also meet those who are called of God to rural evangelism in the UK and Ireland.

Bookings are coming in for our Youth Weekend **reunite** 16-18 March in Heatree Activity Centre, Devon when Sam Oldridge is the speaker. Please remember this in your prayers and encourage young people to attend.

*Ian Gilkinson*

**SOUTH EAST DISTRICT:** Arabella Paul, **Kent:** 'It was a joy to hear a young lad spontaneously share how he had trusted the Lord following last Wednesday's after school club. We have nineteen enthusiastic youngsters this week at **Wouldham**, some of whom seem to be really grasping the gospel. Daniel and I have **St. Mary's Platt**' after school club 6-10 February, culminating with a family service on Sunday 12 February, which is always a great opportunity to bring an evangelistic message. I hope to train for the New Testament Bible Explorer 13-15 February, in preparation for this autumn's series in the schools.'

Stephen and Cynthia Walker, **Norfolk:** 'The Bible Explorer lessons in **Eccles** are going quite well. This is a very small school and with only eleven in the class allows the children to interact well. Lessons in **Diss** High School have been a little more difficult. Some of the kids have a very short attention span and can be difficult but we thank the Lord for this opening.'

We look forward to having the Rev Noel Darragh with us as the speaker at the Annual **Ipswich** Rally on 17 March (3 & 6 pm) at Shepherd Drive Baptist Church. Noel will also be speaking at the **Whepstead** rally on Thursday 15 and **Diss** and **Dovercourt** rallies on Sunday 18 at 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm respectively.

*Alistair Patterson*

**Ireland** .....

**CENTRAL DISTRICT:** Andrew McCullough is making preparation for the mission in **Glenavy** Methodist Church Hall to be held 19 February-4 March. Ian Booth will join Andrew to help with visiting and conducting the mission. The Annual **Glenavy** Rally is on 11 February when Pastor Val English and Andy Cary share in the meeting, which we pray will be effective in reaching into the community and be good publicity for the mission. Recent rallies and the annual fellowship meal have been times of rich blessing and real challenge.

The ministry amongst the ladies continues and at one meeting recently, at least seven gospel booklets were taken. Continue to pray for this ministry which touches many ladies who are obviously in great spiritual need.

It was a particular joy to learn recently that a man who asked for a gospel booklet at the mission in **Drumgooland** in December has been converted and a couple of others are very close to conversion.

Trevor Bennett has had some particularly good conversations with really needy people in remote country areas. There has been a real openness to listen and a consciousness of the Lord's help in sharing the gospel. A gospel CD and a St John's Gospel have been left at each home. Trevor and Yvonne take their annual leave 21 February-13 March and will visit their former mission field in Brazil.

**Annual Larne Convention**  
Friday 23 – Sunday 25 March In Larne Mission Hall  
**Pastor Val English, Ballymoney - Dr Robert Murdock, Canada**

**Bangor Convention 6-10 April 2012**  
Brochures are now available and we ask you to promote this event as widely as possible and continually pray for outpoured blessing. Buffet lunch on Easter Monday available in church hall. This must be pre-booked. Tickets available from all FM Superintendents and FM Office. Cost £8.50.

Future Events:  
**Glenavy** Rally Saturday 11 February Speaker: Pastor Val English  
**Comber** Conference Saturday 3 March Speaker: Rev Jim Lyons  
**Listooder** Conference Saturday 10 March Speaker: David Bennett  
**Ballyfore** Conference Monday 12 March Speaker: David Bennett

*Trevor Matthews*